

CLUB CRUCEROS de LA PAZ
Minutes – Board Meeting
Date: 3-8-16 Time: 4:00 pm Location: Vista Room

The meeting was started at 3:50 pm by Commodore: Gary Batha.

The following Board members were in attendance: Commodore, Gary Batha; Vice Commodore, Richard Tripp; Rear Commodore, Shirleen Kisrow; Treasurer, Sandy Elteridge; Secretary, Lynda Foster; Junior Staff Commodore, Shelly Ward; and Directors, Teri Hagen, Brian Jablonski and Steve Ott.

The following general members and guests were present: Patsy Verhoeven; LeAnne Lawrence; and Bob Walker.

The following presentations/discussions were made by the general members and/or guests:

- Bob Walker expressed his thanks to the Board for all the work they had done through this past year.
- LeAnne Lawrence led an open and lengthy discussion on the membership renewal process; annual versus monthly. It was decided to take the question to the next general meeting for a vote by the membership. LeAnne announced she will be leaving April 10, 2016, and will not be able to do the membership data base work after her return unless she has someone to help with it. After a lengthy discussion it was the consensus of the Board to get an assistant for LeAnne. A request for volunteer(s) to assist LeAnne will be made at the next General meeting.

There were no additions to the agenda.

A **motion was made, seconded and** passed to approve the minutes from the last board meeting:

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Treasurer's report

Sandy reviewed the monthly reports. Currently 1,850 pesos has been spent on Bay Fest. She also advised that the Club no longer has any US dollars. She is using the ATM exchange rate for pesos.

Commodore's report

Gary advised that Mike and Shelly will be the guest speakers at the next General Meeting. They will talk about their upcoming trip to the South Pacific and the planning that was needed. He still needs speakers for the following General Meeting. Gary advised more people are needed to run for the Board. He asked each Board member to find one person willing to run. The elections will be held at the April 19th General meeting. Teri, Shirleen and Sandy will all be gone at that time. They asked that the meeting be changed to April 21st.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Clubhouse - Nothing new to report.

Coffee Hour

Richard reported the coffee hour is still holding its own: 44,000 pesos came in the last month; and 42,000 pesos spent on supplies. Cocoa will not be served during the spring and summer months. Brian advised he will be quitting as coffee host the end of March.

Charity

Senior Citizen's Home - Teri reported that 3,000 pesos was spent at Sam's Club to buy milk and adult diapers for the Senior Citizen's Home. The 3,000 pesos didn't go very far. A discussion was held on how more assistance could be provided for the Senior Citizen's Home. It was decided that an announcement would be made on the morning net asking for help from the cruisers with donations of the items that are needed.

Mama Bonita's homeless shelter - Teri advised that Roger Wise fixed the refrigerator for the shelter and that a stove was donated. A couple of the members of the quilters group have offered to teach the women to sew to enable them to help support the shelter. Steve Ott recently delivered six (6) boxes of non-perishable food left by a cruiser who was returning to the states. At Christmas Mama Bonita was given more clothes than they could use. With the help of some cruisers who had trucks, 40 bags of clothing and shoes were delivered to the two (2) colonias the Club has helped out this year.

School scholarships – Sandy received a copy of Cyntia's report card. Her grades have improved since last September.

Community Liaison – There was nothing to report.

Inventory - Sandy reported that we have new men's shirts in large and extra-large. The special order sweatshirts have been ordered. She has received a new batch of flags. She wants to get rid of the remaining women's T-shirts from last year's Bay Fest. After a short discussion on the best way to get rid of them it was suggested the T-shirts be donated to Gaby's clothing store. Sandy has re-ordered new hats.

Membership – There were 459 members at the end of February. The issue of membership renewal was discussed at the beginning of the meeting during the open discussion with non-Board members.

VHF Morning Net - Brian reported all is going well.

Vista Room - Teri advised it's going better now; she is reminding all the new groups to be sure and turn off the lights and the fans. Brian suggested these be put on timers. He will talk with Neil on this issue.

Website – Patsy advised she needs more information on where the charity money goes. Sandy will get that information to her. Patsy now has a page on the Website for Mama Bonita's shelter. She's currently working on a page for Bay Fest that will include rules for the various games. Norma, s/v Manaki, is helping her put together a script to use with the Port Captain when leaving and returning to the Bay. The script will be in English and Spanish. Gary suggested that the Quilter's Group be included in the list of charities. There was no objection from the Board.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE / EVENT REPORTS

St. Patrick's Day Party – Steve reported the ticket sales have been very slow; he had only sold 3 tickets. The ticket sales will be limited to 100. He has put posters up on all the gates in Marina de La Paz. Tom and Jeanne Brown at Marina Palmira also have tickets and posters. This year only 45 kilos of meat instead of the 75 kilos purchased last year. The meat is already soaking. Teri and Shirleen will be doing the decorations. Cocktails will be at 5:00 pm; Dinner at 6:00 pm; and dancing following the dinner.

Bay Fest – Gary advised the schedule of events is almost done. They haven't found anyone for the painting workshop. Signup sheets will be on the bulletin board by the book table in a couple dates. All Board members will need to sell T-shirts in a 2 hour slot. Also need more volunteers to help during the event. A discussion was held regarding the hot dog feed after the dinghy poker run: should the Club buy the hot dogs and condiments and charge 50 pesos a person; or should the Club donate the hot dogs and condiments. After a short discussion it was the consensus of the Board that there should be **no charge** for the hot dogs; just have a donation can set out. Brian will BBQ the hot dogs. Teri advised Harker Boards may donate a keg of beer. She will follow up on that with Harker Boards. Sandy asked about the decorations for the wine tasting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Printer / computer for Club house Gary Batha and Brian Jablonski - nothing to report.

BBQ for the Club - Brian and Gary will be going to look at BBQs, tables and chairs tomorrow.

Movie night - Sandy advised it went well; twenty (20) people attended. The next movie night will be at the end of March.

Health & Welfare Fund No report at this time.

Washing machine for Steve/Verizon – With the approval of the Board, the Club purchased a washing machine which is currently on loan to Steve. When he no longer needs it the machine will be placed with another needy family.

NEW BUSINESS – None to report.

NEXT BOARD MEETING **Date: 4/12/16** **Time: 4:00pm** **Location: Vista Room**

NEXT GENERAL MEETING **Date: 3/15/16** **Time: 4:00pm** **Location: TBD**

A **motion** was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 pm.